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SUBJECT: UNITA STATEMENT ON ANGOLA

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FEBRUARY 18 STATEMENT BY UNITA
REPRESENTATIVE CHITUNDA, WHICH HAS BEEN SENT BY UNITA TO MEMBERS
OF CONGRESS:

QUOTE TO THE HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FROM THE NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA

SUBJECT: A STATEMENT ON THE WAR IN ANGOLA

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THE WAR IN ANGOLA CONTINUES. WE HAVE MOVED FROM ONE FORM OF ARMED STRUGGLE TO ANOTHER IN OUR DETERMINED SEARCH FOR A JUST, LEGITIMATE AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT MINORITY RULE -- WHETHER BY BLACKS OR BY WHITES -- IMPOSED UPON THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE PURELY BY THE MASSIVE MILITARY PRESENCE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA. WE SHALL SUPPORT A GOVERNMENT ONLY AFTER THE PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR OPINIONS THROUGH A GENERAL ELECTION. FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE TO CHOOSE DEMOCRATICALLY THEIR LEADERS AND POLICIES IS ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS FOR WHICH WE FOUGHT AGAINST PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM. WE HAVE NOT YET ACHIEVED THIS RIGHT BECAUSE OUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN INVADED BY FOREIGN ARMIES DEPLOYING HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS, PROMOTING FIRE POWER INSTEAD OF THE BALLOT BOX.

1. THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA

FIFTEEN THOUSAND CUBAN TROOPS, THREE THOUSAND EX-KATANGESE SECESSIONIST TROOPS, HUNDREDS OF RUSSIAN ADVISORS, VAST QUANTITIES OF 122 MM ROCKETS AND MULTIPLE-ROCKET LAUNCHERS (THE STALIN ORGANS), SA-7 HEAT-SEEKING MISSILES AND WIRE-GUIDED MISSILES, MODERN RIFLES AND MACHINE GUNS, HEAVILY ARMORED FULL-TRACKED VEHICLES, AMPHIBIOUS TANKS, T-34 AND T-54 TANKS, COASTAL FREIGHTERS, WARSHIPS, HELICOPTERS, AIRCRAFT BOMBERS, ETC. THESE ARE THE FORMIDABLE FORCES THE SOVIET UNION HAS AMASSED IN ANGOLA TO PROTECT THE MPLA (POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA) FROM POSSIBLE BALLOT LOSSES HAD GENERAL ELECTIONS BEEN HELD TO CHOOSE THE NATION'S TRUE LEADERS. THESE FOREIGN FORCES HAVE RAVAGED AND SUBDUED CITIES, KILLING PEOPLE, DISPLACING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES, AND FOSTERING MISERY.

U.N.I.T.A., COMMITTED TO RESIST THIS AGGRESSION, FINDS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT THIS RESISTANCE BY CONVENTIONAL WARFARE. WE HAVE NOTHING TO MATCH THOSE FRIGHTENING "STALIN ORGANS" WITH A RANGE OF 35 MILES AND CAPABLE OF SATURATION BOMBING OF FORTY 122 MM ROCKETS PER MINUTE PER "STALIN ORGIN" OVER A ONE-MILE RADIUS. WE HAVE NO AIR STRIKING CAPABILITIES, NO TANKS, NOTHING FOR THE SEA. SO WE MUST NOW RESIST BY UNCLASSIFIED

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GUERRILLA WARFARE.

WE MUST CONTINUE TO FIGHT BECAUSE THE OBJECTIVES FOR WHICH WE FOUGHT AGAINST PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM HAVE NOT YET BEEN ACHIEVED -- THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE ARE NOT YET FREE TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. THEY DROVE THE TIGER (PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM) OUT THE FRONT DOOR, AND IMMEDIATELY IN CAME THE WOLF (SOVIET IMPERIALISM) THROUGH THE BACK DOOR. SO

THE STRUGGLE MUST CONTINUE UNTIL ANGOLA IS FREE, PEACEFUL
AND DEMOCRATIC.

2. THE THIRD WORLD

AT PRESENT MANY COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, CERTAIN OF RUSSIAN MILITARY
VICTORY, HAVE RECOGNIZED THE POPULAR MOVEMENT. THESE
COUNTRIES HOWEVER FAIL TO REALIZE THAT THE FORMATION OF A
GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY IN ANGOLA THAT INCLUDES ALL
THREE PARTIES -- MPLA, FNLA AND UNITA -- IS THE SAFEST,
MOST RELIABLE WAY TO MAINTAIN THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND
THE UNITY OF THE PEOPLE. THESE THREE PARTIES HAVE FOUGHT
PATRIOTICALLY AGAINST COLONIALISM. IT IS DEMEANING TO
THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE TO SEE RUSSIANS AND CUBANS FORCING THE
POPULATIONS TO DISAVOW ALLEGIANCE TO THE PARTY OF THEIR
CHOICE. IT SMACKS OF COLONIAL OPPRESSION STILL FRESH IN
OUR MINDS. INDEED THE POPULAR MOVEMENT DOES NOT REPRESENT
THE MAJORITY OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE. IT IS THE GOVERNMENT
OF A MINORITY, AS MUCH REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGOLANS AS WAS
THE TAIWAN GOVERNMENT OF THE CHINESE.

3. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE UNITED STATES IS A POWERFUL NATION WHERE DEMOCRATIC
PRINCIPLES ARE VALUED HIGHLY AND UPHELD. WHEN THE COLLECTIVE
INTERESTS OF DEMOCRACY AROUND THE WORLD ARE THREATENED,
NATURALLY THOSE CONCERNED WILL COUNT ON UNITED STATES
PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP. EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN
THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS DOES NOT NECESSARILY REQUIRE
MILITARY ESCALATION ON A TIT-FOR-TAT BASIS WITH THE SOVIET
UNION. IT DOES HOWEVER SIGNIFY THAT AMERICA SHOULD TAKE
A STAND. UNFORTUNATELY, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS
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NOT STATED ITS POSITION ON SUCH PERTINENT ISSUES AS (1) PROMOTION
OF GENERAL CEASE-FIRE, (2) FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF
NATIONAL UNITY, AND (3) GUARANTEE OF GENERAL ELECTIONS.

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4. UNITA'S APPEAL AND PROPOSAL: PEACE, NATIONAL UNITY AND DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS

UNITA'S STRUGGLE IS AGAINST ALL FORMS OF TYRANNICAL MINORITY
RULE. IT IS DIRECTED AGAINST ANY FOREIGN AGGRESSION OR
INVASION, BE IT BY SOUTH AFRICA, RUSSIA OR CUBA. WITH EVERY
MAJOR CITY OR TOWN NOW UNDER SOVIET-SUPPORTED CUBAN OCCUPATION,
THE STRUGGLE HAS ALREADY ENTERED A NEW PHASE, STARTING FROM
THE COUNTRYSIDE WHERE 90 PERCENT OF THE ANGOLAN POPULATION LIVES.
THE STRUGGLE WILL GO ON UNTIL JUSTICE IS DONE, POPULAR DEMOCRACY
ESTABLISHED AND ALL CUBANS, RUSSIANS OR ANY OTHER FOREIGN
AGGRESSORS ARE REMOVED FROM OUR COUNTRY.

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BUT THIS WAR NEED NOT GO ON, TAKING ITS ENORMOUS TOLL OF
LIVES. UNITA, IN FACT, HAS ALL ALONG CALLED FOR A LASTING
AND PEACEFUL, JUST SOLUTION. WE HAVE ASKED FOR AN END TO
THIS UNWANTED WAR, FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL
WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLA OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES. WE HAVE ASKED
FOR THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY.

WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN BRINGING ABOUT AN EARLY CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES. WE ASK YOU, A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE PROBLEM OF ANGOLA AND HELP US ACHIEVE A STABLE AND DEMOCRATIC SOLUTION.

THEREFORE WE REQUEST THAT YOU SUPPORT US TO PROMOTE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) AN EFFECTIVE CEASEFIRE, (2) THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY WITH ALL THREE PARTIES, UNITA, FNLA AND MPLA REPRESENTED, (3) GUARANTEE OF GENERAL, DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS, (4) ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AFTER THE WAR, (5) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING MEDICAL AID, CLOTHING AND SHELTER FOR THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES DISPLACED BY THIS WAR.

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE THIS YOUR FULLEST ATTENTION. WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE SHALL SUCCEED IN BUILDING A PROSPEROUS, PEACEFUL AND DEMOCRATIC ANGOLA.

REPECTFULLY YOURS,
JEREMIAS K. CHITUNDA
UNITA OBSERVER AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND MEMBER, UNITA
POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE UNQUOTE
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